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Applicants: Corey Simons, et al.
Atty Docket No: 102689-25 (00-U0026)

Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In Related Applications

Please amend the specification by inserting at page 1, subheading "Related Applications": -This application is a continuation-in-part of application number

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